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SUBJECT: 0316000039 -- Cook County
Chicago/Calumet Container
Superfund/Technical Report

Telephone conversation on September 5, 1996 at 0905, with Patrick Colcord, Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Steve: I'm Steve Bynum, with Illinois EPA. I'm looking at the latest correspondence with you dated 1991. This is concerning the Calumet Container site in Hammond, Indiana. Our files show that Indiana and Illinois were trying to get a Consent Decree entered with the owners of the property. I was wondering if you can give me an update on the site or refer me to someone who can?

Pat: I was once involved with that site many years ago. I now work with the Immediate Removal Unit and I am no longer with the "project management" unit. I don't believe that anyone in that unit has even probably looked at the site. There wasn't much left to do, and the State of Indiana felt that it had more serious concerns to focus with its resources.

A few years ago we were trying to work out something through the court system to get the operators to clean up the site. This never went through, because the US EPA did a removal and cleanup action at the site. When they finished, a fence was erected, and the site was declared clean. There were no real concerns remaining. Everyone in that area is on municipal water supply. The site is now a good Brownfield candidate. There are probably businesses looking to locate in this area.

Steve: So all the drums and waste have been cleaned up?

Pat: Yes, at the time. I don't know what it is like now.

Steve: Thank you. This has been a great help.

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